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He who foresees calamities suffers them
twice over.—PORTEUS.

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF CONGRESS.

TIME was, not many years ago, when the country was wont to throw up its hands in holy horror at the thought of a billion-dollar congress. The average democrat worked himself into a frenzy over extravagance of this nature, while the layman in the republican ranks wondered if his party was not in for a sound thrashing at the fall elections because of its reckless expenditures.

The present congress, however, has already appropriated a billion and a half dollars, and the end is not yet. Perhaps another \$100,000,000 will be added to this staggering total before the session ends.

We are now beginning to find out what "preparedness" means. More than \$600,000,000 of this total is for the army and navy alone. The ambitious programs outlined for increasing our defensive force calls for like appropriations during the next five years.

Both of the dominant political parties, however, are tarred with the same stick in this connection. Mr. Wilson has been reluctantly forced to stand for increased appropriations for the army and navy, while Mr. Hughes, in his speech of acceptance the other evening, went so far as to chide the administration for not spending millions more on "preparedness" measures. The pot cannot, therefore, with very good grace, call the kettle black.

Public sentiment is unquestionably in favor of a larger measure of "preparedness" than we have had in the past, and there will be little or no quarrel with congress for appropriations of this character. But it may be seriously questioned if public sentiment is in favor of all the other large appropriations the present session has given us. Take, for instance, the rivers and harbors appropriations for the current year, totalling \$50,000,000, and it is doubtful if more than a comparative handful of people, all living in the districts affected, can be found who look with favor upon the extravagance involved. The same is true of the public buildings bill, carrying another \$50,000,000, and the Mississippi river improvement act, calling for twice this amount.

The time to count the cost is when the contract is made. We are passing through a period when for the sake of prudence we can overlook some of the recklessness in expenditure on the part of congress in order that we may defend our rights or repel aggression in any contingency which may arise; but at that the tolerant spirit ends. As in the past, the "pork barrel" is still too much in evidence. We had a right, we believe, to expect a better record at the hands of a democratic congress. We have found, however, that it is as fond of "pork" as its republican predecessor.

We have a prize fighter friend on the border whose letter from the front is not fit for publication after the office censor passed it. But what he said of mud, mush and muddle would make Freddie Funston revise his statement about only mollycoddles and sissies complaining.

WHY OKLAHOMA PROSPERS.

WHEAT is advancing. Oklahoma raised right around 30,000,000 bushels this year. Cotton is advancing. Oklahoma has approximately 1,000,000 bales growing. Marketing will start in a few days.

Market reports indicate that the daily pastime on the grain and cotton exchanges during the past few days has been marking up prices. While a slump may take place at any moment, it will require sharp declines to offset the advances which featured the week up to Friday night.

Each time that wheat rises a penny a bushel, more Oklahoma internal wealth is created. Each time that a bale of cotton appreciates a dollar in price, Oklahoma surveys her agricultural situation and adds another million dollars to the wealth of the farm products of the year.

Wheat and cotton are two reasons why Oklahoma prospers.

Corn will be a big item this year to add to the list. And livestock contributes wealth winter and summer, knowing no seasons, although, of course, there are times when there is a rush to market certain classes of animals.

Then, there is oil as another reason why Oklahoma prospers. While the price dropped a few times recently, the world is using more oil each day; the Oklahoma oilmen point to the world's markets and predict that oil will enhance in value.

With ability to produce wealth under ground and on top of the surface, Oklahoma could not help but prosper.

The man who doesn't hope Captain Koenig will make Bremen would not stay on a four-card flush.

INVESTING IN ISLANDS.

WHEN Secretary Lansing signed the treaty yesterday by which the United States is to purchase the Danish West Indies, Mr. Lansing performed an act which gives Uncle Sam a fine naval base at a strategic point. While our government is paying more for these islands than we paid for Alaska, land has advanced in price and, of course, the cases are not parallel. Alaska was bought at a time when it was far away and there was considerable objection to the price of \$7,200,000 which was paid and which has proved to be quite the best land investment of modern times.

The Danish West Indies are not extensive in area; but we were looking for location more than for acreage. It begins to appear that Uncle Sam now rivals Great Britain in claiming that the "sun never sets on the flag."

The drive of the street railway company on North Broadway is gaining ground as slowly as the allies in the battle of the Somme.

INVITING THE FEDERAL BANK BOARD.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that the members of the federal land bank board will visit many cities to determine which points shall be entitled to the banks that are to be established for the purpose of loaning money to farmers.

The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce is making a vigorous effort to have one of the land banks located in this city, which is the metropolis of a state having a larger area than all of New England. If the officials of the local industrial organization can induce the members of the land bank board to visit Oklahoma City during the State Fair, which opens September 23, the visitors are quite likely to be impressed with the resources of Oklahoma and to feel more enthusiasm about our substantial claims for one of the banks than if they came to this city at a time when we have no opportunity to convince them of Oklahoma's agricultural development of the past and the prospects of future expansion with federal financial aid.

Speaking of enterprising news-gathering associations—how about the picture of the explosion that happened at midnight? An artist with a little white ink can put realism into anything.

OUR ARMY OF COMMERCIAL TOURISTS.

EVERY Monday morning a small army of aggressive men can be seen boarding the trains which run from Oklahoma City to the four corners of the state. About Friday night the army returns. It is a commercial army, representing our best citizenship and comprises the men who sell merchandise for Oklahoma City jobbers and manufacturers, and also some who make their homes here but represent factories in distant states.

These men, perhaps a thousand in number, and often estimated far above that, are of high type and are persistent boosters for their home city. We see little of them, since their business takes them beyond the confines of this city, but when we do have the pleasure of meeting them at the week-end, we learn much of what is going on over the state, for the traveling man is the barometer of business.

Of kindly nature, rich in information, known for his integrity, famed for his loyalty to his employers, the traveling man is an asset to our citizenship. He is always found supporting those measures which aid mankind. His ideals are high, his aggressiveness is without limit and Oklahoma City exhibits a pride in the traveling man who devotes his energies toward making of this city a home-building community.

And, when the time comes that the commercial tourist is able to retire, he is ready to take his place on the civic stage to work for the general advancement of the city he calls his home.

The army of traveling men in Oklahoma City is constantly being recruited. As years pass on many retire to enjoy the rest which they have earned by activities in the business centers of the state; others return to their homes here and engage in business.

And the army goes on, selling, always selling, but more important than merely taking orders for merchandise, the traveling man has proven himself to be a vital part of the progress which has stamped Oklahoma City as an inviting place in which to live.

British press opinion at the time of the sinking of the Lusitania was that the act demonstrated the thick-headedness of the Teuton. Now the British have turned around and made a martyr out of a nut.

DALLAS AND THE GAS SHORTAGE.

ABOUT seventy factories in Dallas, an important city in north Texas, have been notified by the Dallas Gas company that no gas would be furnished after September 1, as it would be necessary to conserve the supply.

Well, Oklahoma City extends an invitation to those seventy factories of Dallas to move here and get all the cheap gas they need.

Oklahoma City has a huge pipe line running into the best fields of the state. If the seventy Dallas factories will locate in this city we will guarantee them all the low-priced gas they can use. And if the factories locate here and grow so large that the supply of gas is not equal to the demand, we will not notify the factory owners that their supply will be shut off, but we will lay another pipe line.

That's the Oklahoma City way.

What's the use of pegging along year in and year out on a small salary when a fellow townsmen makes a million cold off of a piece of property that cost him \$400?

Mr. Quick, newly appointed to the farm loan board, ought to be a man of action.

WHAT WAR MOVES MEAN

THE appointment of Field Marshal Hindenburg as commander-in-chief of the Teuton forces is the first indication from Germany that the Brusiloff drive is a menace.

On the shoulders of General Linsingen, the veteran of the Franco-Prussian war who drove the Russians out of the Carpathians a year ago, the advancement of Hindenburg falls most heavily, for Linsingen has failed in his mission. The forcing of the line of the Stokhod was the barrier the German general staff told Linsingen to stop the Slavs on. Failing in this, Hindenburg, commanding to the north in the Riga district, was involved by the failing flank and now he has been called upon to stop the Russians.

A Vienna dispatch and a Hamburg dispatch called yesterday are the first comments coming through on the change. These two messages are indicative of the internal situation. The Hamburg story said Germany is wild with delight because of Hindenburg's appointment, which they call a master stroke. "In the present crisis on the eastern front the consolidation of the army groups was a necessity," is the comment.

The consolidation was necessary because every German and Austrian general on the eastern front has been beaten in the last two months. Armies near Tarnopol and Vladimir-Volynski are outflanking the Kovel and Lemberg positions every day. The jaws of the pincers that Hindenburg and Mackensen made famous last year before Warsaw have been turned into Russian hands and the pincers must be stopped before Lemberg falls or the German front in the east must be shortened 300 miles. This would expose Hindenburg's army group before Riga. That is why he is in supreme command.

Now look at the Vienna dispatch: "Three Budapest papers were suppressed Wednesday owing to adverse criticism of the appointment."

The change means Prince Leopold and General Pflanzer, Austrian demi-gods, have been supplanted. The German has rightly considered the Austrian the goat and holds him responsible for the turning of the central portion of the eastern battlefields into a crisis in the central empire. Consequently Hindenburg will rip out all Austrian commanders. It is just another indication of the growing break between Austria and Germany that may fertilize separate peace seed.—W. M. H.

Luke McLuke
--His Column

The Egotist.
I do not like this Onward Fuss.
He is an egotistic ass;
The fat head seems to think that he
is every bit as good as me.

Suspicious.
"Is Smith an honest man?" asked Brown.
"I doubt it," replied Jones.
"Why do you doubt it?" asked Brown.
"He has an umbrella every time it rains," replied Jones.

Same Here.
"To me all maidens have their charms," said a young Mr. Rempt.
"I'd rather hold them in my arms,
Than hold them in contempt."

The Wise Fool.
"What you don't know won't hurt you," observed the Sage.
"How about your appendix?" asked the Fool.

Not a Bad Old World.
"Though none of us is free from guile,
Though none is free from sin;
You'll find a little lady smile
Will make this whole world grin."

Poor Old Paw.
Willie—Paw, can I ask a question?
Paw—Yes, my son. What is it?
Willie—Why, if a foreigner who has
a glass eye came to this country, could he
be naturalized?

Paw—You get me the razor strap,
young man, and I'll hammer some
sense into your hide.

Correct.
"Stick to your job and don't trans-
gress,"
said wise old Uncle Remond.
"For, if you don't make a success,
You'll soon make a success."

Wow.
Luke's old friend Doc says that you
don't have to tell a man to go to Hades.
Just tell him to go to Springfield, Ohio,
and spend Sunday. Doc claims that you
have to cheat to get a soda on Sunday
and that while you can buy ice cream
in buckets, you can't eat it on the
premises. He also adds that a Spring-
field woman is so pious that she won't
read a newspaper on Sunday. But on
Sunday afternoon she asks her hus-
band to tell her what Luke McLuke
had to say in the paper.

He Can.
Say, Luke: Can O. G. Whynark
maintain silence in the club kitchen
at night? You will find him at Pittsburg,
Kan.—J. B. Watson.

Mercy.
The skirts they wear are short enough,
But when the naughty breeze
blows in and gets to acting rough,
It makes them show their ankles.

Immodest man! they ought to throw
at you some ancient eggs;
For very well indeed you know
They show enough, but their nuptials
Columbus State.

I am ashamed of both of you.
My soon to go to bed,
The things you very rudely view
Are nothing but their calves.
Detroit Free Press

Notice!
Deal & Cheatham, the Greenwood (S.
C.) butchers, have been placed in
charge of the poker game at the club.
Will Chalk of Louisville, Ky., has
been placed in charge of the poolroom.

Signs Is Signs.
Sign in a Main-street barber shop at
Columbus, Ohio:
"Free Candy With Boys' Haircuts."

Four More Hicks:
Hank, Nick,
Jim, Ed,
Each Hick
Says "Gee!" W. Albert.

Oh, Joy!
A Towell of Frankfurt, Ohio, has
consented to hang around the club
washroom.

Things to Worry About.
A different moon circles Mars every
seven hours.

Luke McLuke Says.
Some men seem to be afraid that
their families might get some of the
loyalty that belongs to their political
parties.

One reason why a wife is so hard to
get along with is because she always
objects to your having your own way
and doing what you please.

A man may be able to square the
circle and to measure down to the
100,000,000th part of an inch, but his
wife knows that he can't carve a roast
without getting gravy all over the clean
tablecloth.

It often happens that the man who
asks you to vote for him would get
highly indignant if you asked him to
vote for you.

Isn't the woman who is raising six
children who gets nervous prostration
from keeping house. It is usually the
woman who is trying to raise six gold
fish and a fern.

They claim that you can't do two
things at once. But after a man has
been married long enough he can read
his newspaper and listen to his wife at
the same time.

You often hear of the other side of it,
but when did you ever hear of a man
who mortgaged his motor car to buy a
home?

Cheer up! Even if you can't take a
vacation you can get some comfort out
of the fact that there are more chiggers
in the woods than there are on the
paved streets.

A woman just simply has to worry
about somebody staying out late at
night. If she is married it is her hus-
band. If she is an old maid it is her
cat.

The louder a man talks, the less you
are missing if you do not wait to hear
him.

What has become of the old-fashioned
mother who used to take the fine-tooth
comb and go hunting for "trouble" every
Saturday night?

There are a few women who do not
understand men. But they are all
single.

We are all in favor of improvements
when the other fellow has to pay the
tax.

The Republican View

Edited by the Republican State Committee.

THE INCOMPETENCY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

EVERY day now, newspapers throughout the country bring additional information from the Mexican border tending to prove the utter incompetency of the war department. For two years now the national administration has had reason to expect that the United States might have in fact an efficient military force on the Mexican border, if not elsewhere. In fact, the president has frequently made high sounding speeches about the need of "preparedness." During all this time the national government has appropriated millions to assist in the equipment of the national guard and it has had, to an extent, supervision of the guard. How utterly inefficient the national war department was in the discharge of this duty is shown by clippings from news items printed in many states, some of which are as follows:

"Troops sleep on cobblestones while their train with berths is switched around the sidings."
"Company leaves without cooks."
"Recruits leave in civilian dress."
"Mustering incomplete."
"More than one hundred men rejected as result of physical examination retards movement of infantry."
"Regiment needs physicians, ambulance men and stretcher-bearers."
"Companies will move as soon as equipment is received from federal government."
"Members of troops refuse to take federal oath and delay departure."
"Regiment has too many officers and must be reorganized."

In this connection it is interesting to note that one Oklahoma daily decided to get a picture showing an aeroplane flying over Mexico, so as to contrast American means of locomotion with the Mexican riding a burro underneath. However, evidently no photograph was available, and so the picture had to be sketched by an artist. In other words, the picture was purely imaginary. So far as anyone has been able to learn, there is not even one really serviceable aeroplane on the border. And a modern army of the size of the one we have down there ought to have at least fifty flying machines.

Walt Mason

FAT AND LEAN.

IN August heat is at its worst; the sun roasts on, with zeal, earnest, all broken and wilted is the grass, the sky looks like a sheet of brass. Oh, August always hits me hard, for I am well equipped with fat; I scored two hundred in the shade, when last I had my person weighed. And as I sit in the warmth, I wish I had a slender form. My neighbor, Wilkins, has no fat, he's lean and limber as a cat, and in the burning August days, serene and cool he goes his ways; no wilted collar on his neck, he likes to see the heat on deck. He doesn't have to mop a brow that drizzles sweat, as I do now. I envy him his lanky shape, but from my fat there's no escape. And as I envy, comes a thought with hope and consolation fraught. Full soon the wintry winds will blow; there'll be all kinds of ice and snow, and then, while freezing Wilkins shakes, the fat man who in August bakes, will calmly view the bitter storm, by his own store of grease kept warm. This things are balanced on this earth, and reconciled to ample girth, I tell the sun to go ahead, and paint the solar system red.

The famous author and the author who was not so famous traveled together to a seaside inn. The proprietor had had the famous author for a guest before, and he welcomed him back cordially. On the second day of their stay the famous man summoned the landlord for a confidential interview.

"I want to talk to you about this young friend of mine," he said. "He is new in the writing game, and earns very little money. As a favor to me I should like you to make his bill as small as possible."

The landlord, highly gratified at the great man's friendly attitude, even though it touched his pocketbook, promised. Two days later he was sent for again.

"By the way," said the great man, "don't let my bill be any bigger than his. It would humiliate him. Boys like that are so extremely touchy."

History Bits

One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1816—First election of executive and judicial officers in the state of Indiana.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today.

1841—New York City was in a state of great excitement over the finding of the body of Cecilia Rogers, whose mysterious murder formed the basis for one of Poe's stirring tales.

Fifty Years Ago Today.

1866—Rev. Jotham Wells Horton and Dr. Anthony P. Dostie, prominent citizens of New Orleans, died from injuries received in the race riots of July 30.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

1891—Thomas W. Bogack, for four years speaker of the Confederate states congress, died in Apomattox county, Va. Born in Buckingham county, Va., in 1815.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

August 5, 1915—Austro-German army captured Warsaw, storming the city's last defenses.

Our Daily Birthday Party.

Dr. Frank Strong, chancellor of the University of Kansas, born at Venice, N. Y., fifty-seven years ago today.

J. C. W. Beckham, United States senator from Kentucky, born at Bardonia, Ky., forty-seven years ago today.

Rear Admiral Theodore F. Jewell, U. S. N., retired, born at Georgetown, D. C., seventy-two years ago today.

During a recent dance in the Riggins Ridge neighborhood, in Arkansas, the usual fight took place among the attending swains. There was considerable shooting and some bloodshed. The battle was regarded with equanimity by most of the beauties present, but one girl, a stranger to the greater part of the assembly, swooned.

"Who was it that fainted away?" asked Miss Duckie Burcher, a little later.

"D'know," replied Miss Pearl Smithers. "Same town gal, I reckon; they're 'most all sickly."

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Bennett will leave today for a short visit with friends in Kansas before going to Chicago from which point they will make a tour of the lakes.

Dr. J. W. Riley who returned to this city from Buffalo, N. Y., bringing his family with him, is having plans drawn for an elegant home on Twelfth and Broadway.

A St. Louis boy, who has often seen the convict labor of his state, was visiting a relative in Chicago, who one day took him to the zoo. Among the creatures that particularly interested the youngster was a zebra.

"Say, uncle," exclaimed he, pointing to the queer beast, "look at the convict mule!"

Listening for the Results

